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Classified By: Political M/C David D. Pearce for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Poloff met July 17, 2007 with MFA Office Director for Migration and Asylum Marco Maticotta Cordella and urged Italy to support the candidacy of Ambassador William Lacy Swing for Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Maticotta Cordella said he appreciated the background on Ambassador Swing and would share his biography within the MFA.

¶2. (C) Maticotta Cordella also confirmed that Italy intends to nominate Luca Riccardi for the IOM DG election next June. The nomination has not yet formally been made, but he expected it would occur "very soon." Maticotta Cordella said that some EU countries were pushing for a single consensus EU candidate, but that Italy intended to nominate Riccardi independently, regardless.
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